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DIVISION OF OIL
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RE: Revegetation of Eccles Canyon Slide Area

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Dear Mr. Braxton:

Please be advised that, as a result of the Division's persistence to have the subject slide area reseeded this fall, regardless of the reasonableness or possibility of complete failure of such an action, the slide area near the bottom of the Belina Mine Road, at the junction with Eccles Canyon, has, as of October 18, 1985, been reseeded. The seed mix used on this project was that given to the operator in the Division's October 8, 1985 letter. Eighteen pounds of pure live seed were broadcast over the slide area without benefit of fertilizer or mulch. These actions were as directed by Division personnel, and in my opinion, a complete waste of \$395.50 worth of seed and two (2) hours labor.

In the past few months, several discussions have been held with Division personnel concerning this matter, and this operator has informed them of the various attempts made in the past to reclaim this area. In spite of all these attempts by the operator to gain reconsideration, the Division chose to direct how, when, where and with what, this reseeded would occur. In consideration of the operator's objections, and the manner in which this project was accomplished, it would seem reasonable that the operator would be relieved of any further responsibility associated with the possible failure of this effort. Hopefully, a more realistic approach to this situation could be arrived at should this effort fail, and due consideration given to the physical realities associated with the slope and the sediment control at the toe of the slope.

Please, also, be aware that the slope itself is stable and does not present a public hazard. The slides have been surface failures only, and have continued in this area as a

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result of attempts to re-topsoil and revegetate the slide zone. As such, it remains the operator's position that the rock outcrop slope should be left as is until such time as final reclamation of the Belina Road takes place.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Trevor G. Whiteside
Chief Engineer

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cc: Wayne Hedberg, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining